

Application Form

Profile

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Prince William Sound College

Employer

Instructional Design and
Technology Specialist

Occupation

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Library Board: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

Required Time Commitment: All city board/committee members and commissioners are expected to (1) be present at most, if not all, board/committee or commission meetings and (2) review agenda materials prior to arriving for the meeting to be best prepared for discussion and decision making. Are you aware of the time commitment involved in serving on this particular board, committee, or commission? Are you willing and able to commit to regular meetings plus work sessions every month for your full term?

Yes to all.

How did you learn about this vacancy? *

☒ KVAK Radio

☒ Social Media

Radio announcement, Facebook Announcement

This appointment term expires in August 2023. Are you able to commit to serving for that full time period? *

☒ Yes

Interests & Experience

Why are you interested in serving on a City of Valdez board or commission?

It has always been important for me to serve the community I live in using my own professional talents and skills. Now that I have lived in Valdez for a year and observed the various opportunities available to community members to be involved in, the Library Board seems to be a natural fit. I believe my previous rural Alaskan library board experience and wide-ranging English/Language Arts teaching experience with students of all age levels in public schools around the state will be an asset to the City of Valdez.

Please outline your education, work, and volunteer experience which will assist you in serving on a City of Valdez board/commission.

I have an earned Bachelor of Education from Oklahoma Christian University (2009) and a Master of Science in Instructional Technology from Fort Hays State University (2017). From August 2017 to May 2019, I served on the Dillingham Public Library Advisory Board as the Dillingham City School District representative (Seat F). My primary responsibility was to act as a liaison between the Library and the school district, ensuring that appropriate resources and services were available to students. Additionally, I collaborated with other board members to review Library policies, conduct community needs analysis, and analyze library service activity for areas of targeted growth. K-16 reading curriculum design and instruction has always been one of my professional focuses. For ten years, I taught English Language Arts and Social Studies to K-12 students in rural Alaska. I am very familiar with the literature and state standards for elementary and secondary reading curricula. One of my primary goals is to provide a wide variety of high-interest, well-written, culturally-responsive books to students of all ages. Currently, I am working towards that goal for students in Valdez as the English Language Arts Board Curriculum Advisory Committee President for Valdez City Schools. Additionally, my full-time job is at the post-secondary level with Prince William Sound College as an Instructional Design and Technology Specialist. I have been involved in organizations that prioritize English/Language Arts education at the national and international levels. I served a two-year term as an Editorial Review Board member for Voices from the Middle, a peer-reviewed professional education journal focused on middle grade English Language Arts research, published by the National Council of Teachers of English. I have also written articles to update K-6 polar literature for the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research newsletter, published by the International Council for Science.

[Valdez Library Board CV.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume or Letter of Interest

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Demonstrated ability in multiple organizations to create, analyze, and evaluate curriculum based on content and performance standards in a wide range of subject areas.
- Superior instruction and presentation skills exhibited through lessons, training workshops, and state conference sessions.
- Leadership experience in technology, curriculum, and professional development teams at local, state, and international levels.
- Advanced writing skills in narrative, academic, and technical formats.
- Adept at leveraging technology to enhance learning in both civilian and military environments; over ten years experience training adult educators in technology. Earned Master's Degree in Instructional Technology.

EDUCATION

2017	Fort Hays State University <i>Master's of Science in Instructional Technology</i>	Hays, Kansas GPA: 3.9
2009	Oklahoma Christian University <i>Bachelor's of Science in Education, Elementary</i> Minors: International Studies, Professional Education Honors: Summa Cum Laude (2009), Distinguished University Fellow (2010)	Oklahoma City, OK GPA: 3.9

CERTIFICATIONS

- Alaska Professional Teaching Certification: *Elementary Education (gr. PK-8), Middle School English and Social Studies*
- Oklahoma Professional Teaching Certification: *Elementary Education (gr. 1-8)*
- National Geographic Certified Educator
- Google Trainer; Google Educator (Level 1 and 2)

ADVISING/CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

- **University of Alaska Anchorage Staff Council (2020-2022)**
 - Act as a resource, support, and advocate for administrative, professional, and technical employees at PWSC.
 - Represent PWSC staff towards the solution of problems, formulation and/or revision of policies affecting these employees, their salaries and benefits, working conditions, general services, and services performed.
 - Serve as an advisory representative to the UAA Chancellor in matters concerning administrative, professional, and technical employees.
- **Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) and AK Department of Education and Early Development PEAKS Standards Alignment Review Committee - 7th/8th Grade English Language Arts Reviewer (2019)**
 - Analyzed proposed PEAKS ELA assessment items for standards alignment, rigor, accuracy, and readability.
 - Reviewed and corrected for cultural sensitivity, particular to Alaska regions
- **Bristol Bay Native Association Head Start Early Learning Program - Center Committee President (2018-2019)**
 - Planned, organized, and implemented a variety of programs, fundraisers, and events for Head Start preschool.
 - Created agenda and took minutes of each parent center committee meeting.
- **Dillingham Library Advisory Board, Dillingham City School District Seat - (Aug. 2017-May 2019)**
 - Served as liaison between Dillingham Middle/High School and the public library of Dillingham.
 - Assisted in development of Library policy.
- **Fort Hays State University Virtual College Advisory Board, Graduate Student Seat - (October 2016-May 2017)**
 - Served as virtual college representative for graduate school student governance
- **Atqasuk School Advisory Council, Seat 4 – Elected by City of Atqasuk, Alaska – (Aug. 2013 - May 2014)**
 - Served as liaison between Meade River School and the community of Atqasuk.
 - Assisted in development of Meade River School calendar.
 - Collected, investigated, and reported community concerns related to Meade River School.
- **Oklahoma Christian University Teacher Education Faculty Council, Student Rep. – (2007-2009)**
 - Served as liaison between OC Teacher Education Faculty and 100+ Teacher Ed. university students.
 - Interpreted academic history, personal history, university degree plans, CEOE test scores, Teacher Education Writing Evaluation test scores, and OC handbooks for student admission/retention into Department of Education.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE

2016-2019 AK	Teacher, Secondary English/Social Studies <i>Dillingham City School District</i>	Dillingham,
2014-2016	Teacher, Elementary <i>Putnam City School District</i>	Oklahoma City, OK
2011-2014	Teacher, Elementary <i>North Slope Borough School District</i>	Atkasuk, AK
2010-2011	Teacher, English as a Second Language <i>Putnam City School District</i>	Oklahoma City, OK
2009-2010	Teacher, Elementary <i>Bering Strait School District</i>	Gambell, AK

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORK EXPERIENCE (Technology, Instructional Design)

2019-present	Instructional Design and Technology Specialist <i>Prince William Sound College, University of Alaska</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Collaborate with PWSC faculty to design, develop, revise, and enhance courses and materials.○ Provide guidance, support, and expert knowledge to PWSC faculty on use of the UA course management system and learning environment, Blackboard.○ Advise faculty on best practices for integrating technology into instruction.○ Design and present professional development and/or group specific workshops for faculty and staff on instructional design and technology topics.○ Craft and maintain a collection of general training materials (e.g step-by-step guides, reference manuals, online modules, web-based templates, etc.) to be used by faculty and staff engaging in learning and using educational technologies.○ Troubleshoot and support networking needs including active directory, door lock systems, file servers, print servers, VM, VoIP, and more.○ Complete desktop imaging and software installation using recommended systems and processes including GPOs and SCCM.○ Troubleshoot and support hardware and software needs for desktop computers, laptops, tablets, mobile devices, printers, etc.○ Purchase, deploy, and support audio visual equipment in classrooms and workstations.	Valdez, AK
2018-2019	Teacher, Professional Development Committee <i>Dillingham City School District</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Collaborated with district-level administration to plan, organize, and implement the progression of appropriate performance-oriented and culturally sensitive professional development training for the 2018-2019 school year.○ Provided guidance and leadership to colleagues about cultural standards and best practices in professional development training.	Dillingham, AK
2017-2019	Technology Professional Development Presenter <i>Alaska Society for Technology in Education:</i> Developed and presented professional development sessions for adult educators at annual statewide educational technology conference. <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2018 ASTE Annual Conference Presenter - Offering CHOICE in Professional Development; Digital Cultural Resources for Alaskan Educators; Game-based Learning and Collaboration with Minecraft: Education Edition○ 2017 ASTE Annual Conference Presenter - Digital Cultural Resources for Alaskan Educators; Building Dynamic Classroom Websites; Organize yourSelfie: Digital Lesson Plans with Planbook.com	Dillingham, AK

Dillingham City School District

- Planned and conducted professional development workshops to over 50 educators and administrators on the following topics: Cultural Standards for Alaskan Educators (2018); Google Suite for Education, Advanced (2018); Web 2.0 Tools for the Modern Classroom (2018); Digital Lesson Planning Tools: Planbook.com (2017)

2013-2014

Social Studies Co-Chair, Core Content Area Curriculum Team

Barrow, AK

North Slope Borough School District

- Organized and managed NSBSD Social Studies Curriculum meetings, concerning plans for a new culturally-based district-wide curriculum program.
- Trained teachers in the creation of new social studies units (including instructional design, standards-based foundation, quality learning objectives, and performance task assessments).
- Assessed the quality of new social studies units according to ADDIE and UbD (Understanding by Design) instructional design models.
- Evaluated new social studies units to ensure compliance with the Alaska Department of Education standards guidance and newly-created Inupiat Learning Framework.

2013 -2014

Technology Liaison and Trainer, Meade River School

Atkasuk, AK

North Slope Borough School District

- Provided weekly educational technology workshops for an instructional staff of over 20.
- Offered on-call in-person technical support for Apple computers, Apple ipads, and assorted peripherals to over 100 students and staff.
- Maintained and tracked technology equipment (computers, smartboards, printers, etc).
- Implemented new technology standards for both educators and students. Tracked progress.
- Performed software installations and updates.
- Monitored remote access systems for system security in a 60+ computer network.

2009-2010

Technology Liaison and Trainer, Gambell School

Gambell, AK

Bering Strait School District

- Provided instructional technology seminars for an educator staff of over 20.
- Offered on-call in-person technical support for Apple computers, Apple ipads, and assorted peripherals to over 200 students and staff.
- Maintained and tracked technology equipment (computers, smartboards, printers, etc).
- Performed software installations and updates.
- Reconfigured wireless network and repositioned site routers for maximum connectivity.
- Monitored remote access systems for system security in a 200+ computer network

AWARDS

- Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert, 2017-2019
- Microsoft Innovative Educator Trainer, 2017-2018
- Outstanding Alumnus of the Year, School of Education, Oklahoma Christian University, 2017
- Distinguished Alumnus, Honors Department, Oklahoma Christian University, 2010

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Instructional Design Alliance, University of Alaska Anchorage (2020-present)
- Polar Educators International
 - International Council, American Representative (April 2017 - April 2018)
 - Collaborated bi-monthly with 12 international colleagues from 8 nations to advance polar science education and educator professional development
 - Provided leadership for American educator colleagues involved in polar science instruction
 - Assisted in planning for PEI workshop session at the Polar Conference in Davos, Switzerland (2018)
 - Authored and published two Antarctic science education professional development articles for the Scientific Committee for Antarctic Research summer 2017 newsletters
- Alaska Society for Technology in Education (ASTE) (2010-present)
- National Council for Teachers of English (2016-2018)
 - Voices from the Middle Editorial Review Board Member (2016-2018)
 - Reviewed professional education research articles for potential publication
- National Council for the Social Studies (2017-2018)

- Alaska Council for Social Studies (2017-present)

PUBLICATIONS

- Gunderson, M. "Comparing the Arctic and Antarctic" (2017) *Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research Newsletter*, The International Council for Science: July/August.
- Gunderson, M. "Which Type of Polar Ice Melt Increases Sea Level?" (2017) *Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research Newsletter*, The International Council for Science: July/August.

INTERCULTURAL EXPERIENCE

- Semester Abroad: Vienna, Austria (Fall 2006) - Studied in over 15 European countries
- Extensive professional and personal experience with Native Alaskan and ESL populations

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

- University of Alaska Instructional Design Summit - University of Alaska Fairbanks eCampus, 2019
- Cultural Identity and Communication - Alaska Humanities Forum, 2019
- Socio-Emotional Learning Practices, 'Phull Color' - Brightways Learning, 2018
- Alaska Society for Technology in Education Conference – 2010, 2017 (presenter), 2018 (presenter)
- Alaska Effective Instruction Conference - 2012, 2017
- Emergency Management and Crisis Training in Schools - Dillingham City School District, 2017
- FEMA Introduction to Incident Command System Course - Emergency Management Institute, 2017
- Oklahoma Council for Indian Education Conference, 2015
- PLCs at Work - Solution Tree, 2015
- Understanding by Design Workshop - Jay Mctighe, via North Slope Borough School District, 2013
- Curriculum Mapping - North Slope Borough School District, 2012, 2013
- Place-Based Teaching Strategies - North Slope Borough School District, 2012, 2013
- Practical Strategies to Enhance the Performance of English Language Learners Workshop, Bureau of Ed. Research, 2011
- Creating Culturally Responsive Schools (3 hours Graduate Course) - Alaska Pacific University, 2011
- Math in a Cultural Context Workshop – University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 2010
- Culturally Sensitive Teaching Workshop – Bering Strait School District, 2009
- Nonviolent Crisis Prevention Workshop – Crisis Prevention Institute, 2009
- Writing in the Content Areas Workshop – Bering Strait School District, 2009
- Standards Based Education Workshop – Bering Strait School District, 2009
- Six Trait Writing Workshop – Mustang Public School District, 2009